

SENATE BILL 799

By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53
and Title 63, relative to dispensing of certain drugs
by nurses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 10, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

63-10-214.

(a) A registered nurse is not authorized to dispense prescription drugs without
the direct, on premises, supervision by an on-duty pharmacist unless authorized by
subsection (b).

(b) A registered nurse is allowed to dispense prescription drugs without the
direct, on premises supervision of a pharmacist when the pharmacist provides
supervision of the dispensing by means of on-line computer technology. Each
dispensing transaction by a registered nurse under this subsection (b) must be
supervised by online computer technology. A pharmacist may only provide such
supervision when on duty at an appropriate pharmacy facility. In dispensing under this
subsection (b), a pharmacist may not stock pre-packaged medications for new patients,
unless the pharmacist has individually reviewed the patient's records and the
prescription.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.